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1. ON MARCH 1 EMBOFF CONFIRMED GENERAL ACCURACY OF
PARA 4 REF A WITH SENIOR OFFICIAL RTG LABOR DEPT. POST
REGARDS LABOR DEPT'S WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE LECTURERS
FOR AAFLI COURSE AS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF RTG TACIT
APPROVAL FOR WORKER EDUCATION PROJECT. GOODWIN HAS
ALSO EXPLAINED THAT "IMPACT" FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED
FOR WORKER EDUCATION.

2. IN IVEW OF ABOVE, POST CONCURS WITH INITIATION
OF AAFLI PROGRAM IN THAILAND IN APRIL PER PARA 1 REF A.
HOWEVER, LOCAL SITUATION STILL SENSITIVE ENOUGH THAT
WE DO NOT BELIEVE AAFLI SHOULD ASSIGN A REP TO BANGKOK
ON PERMANENT BASIS AT THIS TIHE. ALSO, WE DO NOT BELIEVE
AAFLI SHOULD PROCEED WITH REPORTED PLANS TO MAKE BANGKOK
REGIONAL CENTER FOR OPERATIONS IN INDIAN SUBCONTINENT BECAUSE
OF THAI POLITICAL SITUATION AND FACT THAT RUNNING INDIAN
PROGRAM OUT OF BANGKOK (WITH TRAVEL OF AMERICANS AND INDIANS
BACK AND FORTH) WOULD ACCENTUATE THAI CONCERN OVER PRESENT OVER-
INVOLVEMENT OF INDIANS (VIA ILO, ICFTU) IN LOCAL LABOR
SCENE AND ENDANGER AAFLI ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND.
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